

REMARKS

Applicant submits this response to the final Office Action mailed February 25, 2004. Claims 23-34 and 58-79 are pending in the Application. Claims 23-27, 30-34, 59-65, and 67-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,825,308 to Rosenberg (Rosenberg '308) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,691,898 to Rosenberg et al. (Rosenberg '898). Dependent claims 28, 58, and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg '308 in view of Rosenberg '898 and U.S. Patent No. 5,450,079 (Dunaway). Dependent claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg '308 in view of Rosenberg '898 and U.S. Patent No. 5,631,669 (Stobbs).

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable for the reasons set forth below. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the remarks on the following page.

Statement of Common Ownership

The rejections to the pending claims are improper because the present application and Rosenberg '308 and Rosenberg '898 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Immersion Corporation. Thus, neither Rosenberg '308 nor Rosenberg '898 is prior art.

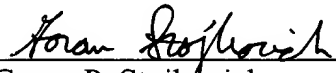
The claimed combinations are not taught or suggested by the remaining references, namely, Dunaway and Stobbs. Accordingly, the rejections to the pending claims should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, each of the pending claims is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the final rejection and to pass the application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any matter related to the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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